

Serial No. 10/765,829

Attorney Docket No. 26DT-001-DIV

REMARKS

Claims 10-12, 18-19 and 21-28 are pending. Claims 10-12 have been withdrawn. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 18 is objected to for using the phrase "wherein detachable component" in the last subparagraph. By way of the above amendment, the phrase is revised. Accordingly, the examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objection.

Claims 18-19 and 21-28 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The specific items of indefiniteness identified in the office action have been remedied in the above amendments. More particularly, the examiner inquires how the detached component is configured so that the tether forms a curved-shape (claim 18), and how the attachment component and the engaged component are both formed on the second end of the tether (claims 18, 26). The phrase "the detached component is configured so that" has been deleted, and the relationship of the engaged component and the second end of the tether are clarified by way of the above amendment. Also, the phrase "the engagement component" in claim 25, line 2 is amended to read "the engaged component", which has antecedent basis in claim 18. It is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended are sufficiently definite. The examiner is therefore respectfully requested with reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

The previous office action states that claims 18-19 and 21-28 appear to avoid the art of record. Accordingly, it is submitted that the claims are patentable.

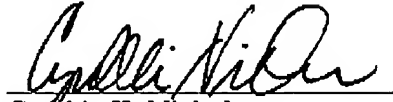
In view of the foregoing, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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